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Title: A DIELECTRIC CERAMIC COMPOSITE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 4. (Amended) A dielectric ceramic composite as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the average of the grain sizes of the said SiO_2 , CuO and Al_2O_3 is no more than 30 nm.
- 5. (Amended) An electronic device comprising the dielectric ceramic composite according to claim 1.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claims 4 and 5 was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple

dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully_submitted,

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APPENDIX

- 4. $\underline{\text{(Amended)}}$ A dielectric ceramic composite as claimed in claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the average of the grain sizes of the said SiO₂, CuO and Al₂O₃ is no more than 30 nm.
- 5. (Amended) An electronic device comprising the dielectric ceramic composite according to one of the claims 1-4.